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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

A case of smallpox and a case of scarlatina on the transport Meade.

[Telegram.]

ANGEL ISLAND, CAL., March 4, 1902.

Transport *Meade* sailed from here Saturday last, returned last night; 1 case smallpox, 1 case scarlatina. Will vaccinate personnel, disinfect ship and effects. Third day exposure, all personnel probably exposed.

CUMMINGS.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection service at Eastport, Me.

EASTPORT, ME., February 27, 1902.

SIR: I beg to submit the following report of work done at this inspection station during the week ended Thursday, February 27, 1902:

Vessels inspected.

		•			Passengers.	
Date.	Vessel	From.	For.	Crew.	For East- port.	In trans- it.
Feb. 21 Do	Sc. Mary F. Pike Ss. Aurora	St. Stephen, New	Eastport and Grand	5 8	6	4
Feb. 25	Ss. St. Croix	Brunswick. Boston and Portland.	Manan, New Brunswick. Eastport and St. John, New Brunswick.	61	34	18
Do	Ss. H. F. Eaton	Calais.	Eastport	10	10	
Feb. 26	Ss. Aurora	St. John, New Bruns- wick.	Eastport and Grand Manan, New Brunswick.	8	2	
Feb. 27	Ss. H. F. Eaton	Calais	Eastport	10	7	
Do		St. John, New Bruns- wick.	Eastport and Boston	61	6	28

Owing to the growth of smallpox in Portland, Me. (16 cases having been reported), I am subjecting the steamers arriving here from that city to a rigid inspection. The health of Eastport is good.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. SMALL, Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

EASTPORT, ME., March 6, 1902.

SIR: I beg to submit the following report of work done at this inspection station during the week ended Thursday, March 6, 1902:

Vessels inspected.

	Vessel.	From.	For.	Crew.	Passengers.	
Date.					For East- port.	In trans- it.
Feb. 28	Ss. Aurora	St. Stephen, New Brunswick.	Eastport and Grand Ma- nan, New Brunswick.	8	2	2
Do	Ss. Viking	do	Eastport	6	10	
Mar. 4	Ss. St. Croix	Boston and Portland	Eastport, and St. John, New Brunswick.	61	40	50
Do	Ss. H. F. Eaton	Calais, Me		10	12	
Do			do	5		
Mar. 5	Ss. Viking	St. Stephen, New Brunswick.	do	6	15	
Do	Ss. Aurora	St. John, New Bruns- wick.	Eastport and Grand Ma- nan, New Brunswick.	8		2
Mar. 6	Ss. H. F. Eaton	Calais, Me	Eastport	10	14	l
Do	Ss. St. Croix	St. John, New Bruns- wick.	Portland and Boston	61	8	44

The American consul at St. John, New Brunswick, now gives the steamers a clean bill of health, reporting no cases of smallpox in the city. The travel from Boston and Portland is increasing, necessitating a strict inspection of steamers arriving here from those cities.

Respectfully, EDWARD M. SMALL,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Inspection service at Vanceboro, Me., and vicinity.

VANCEBORO, ME., March 3, 1902.

SIR: For the week ended March 1, I have inspected approximately 500 passengers, of whom I vaccinated 50, chiefly second-class travel from north shore of New Brunswick, which is now about the only portion of the province which contains smallpox. St. John, Moncton, and Baillie or Lynnfield are now practically free from the disease. Some new cases have developed during the week about Campbellton and Bathurst, necessitating the quarantine and disinfection of railway cars, quarantine of hotels, etc. From that section we are now getting a heavy travel, and I consider that all these, especially the second-class, should be vaccinated before being admitted.

Respectfully,

M. L. YOUNG, Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Arrival at Reedy Island quarantine of vessel from Mexican port.

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE, via Port Penn, Delaware, March 1, 1902.

SIR: Through the medical officer in command of national quarantine service on Delaware Bay and River, I have the honor to report the arrival at this station on February 23, 1902, of the British steamship Suwanee, from Vera Cruz, in ballast; no passengers; bill of health signed by Wm. W. Canada, United States consul, and S. H. Hodgson, medical inspector, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON.

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